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TO SPEAK AT SSOD

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PASS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES AT OPENING OF BUSINESS
FRIDAY, APRIL 21

1. RE FISHER-MAYNES TELCON IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUE OF
PARTICIPATION OF HOLY SEE AND SWITZERLAND AT THE SSOD,
THEIR REPRESENTATIVES (MARCARD, SWISS, AND MSGR CHELI)
APPROACHED FISHER AND STATED FIRMLY THEIR OPINION THAT:

A. THE HOLY SEE AND SWITZERLAND ARE OF THE OPINION THAT
THEIR EXCEPTIONAL REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE TENTH SPECIAL
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT COULD NOT CONSTITUTE A PRECEDENT,
CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
ON A PARTICULAR SUBJECT IN WHICH THEY HAVE A PARTICULAR
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INTEREST. B. THE HOLY SEE AND SWITZERLAND ARE PARTIES
TO VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON DISARMAMENT,
AMONG OTHERS, THEY HAVE RATIFIED THE NON-PROLIFERATION
TREATY. FURTHERMORE, SWITZERLAND IS THE HOST COUNTRY OF
THE CCD AND THE MORAL AUTHORITY OF THE HOLY SEE IS
RECOGNIZED BY 800 MILLION PEOPLE. C. BOTH BEING SOVE-
REIGN STATES, THE HOLY SEE AND SWITZERLAND THINK THE

APPROPRIATE BODY FOR EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ITSELF IN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS GENERAL DEBATE, AND NOT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN WHICH NGO'S WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK. D. THE REQUEST BY THE HOLY SEE AND SWITZERLAND AIMS ONLY AT HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER A STATEMENT, AND NOT AT BEING GRANTED ALL THE RIGHTS INHERENT TO FULL PARTICIPATION. E. THE HOLY SEE AND SWITZERLAND NEED ADEQUATE TIME FOR A CAREFUL PREPARATION. THEREFORE, THEY WOULD PREFER THAT A RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE GA). POSTPONEMENT UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD MAKE PREPARATION IMPOSSIBLE.

2. AUSTRALIAN REP (HARRY) INDICATED TO FISHER THAT AUSTRALIA WAS SYMPATHETIC TO SWISS AND HOLY SEE REQUEST ON GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE SOVEREIGN STATES.

3. RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION FOR WHICH AUTHORIZATION URGENTLY REQUESTED BY 10:30 AM FRIDAY, APRIL 21, IS:

A. U.S. STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION, ON BASIS OF UN PRACTICE AND CONSISTENT U.S. POLICY, TO NON-MEMBER STATE OF UN ADDRESSING GA PLENARY IN GENERAL DEBATE.

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B. IF U.S. STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION APPEARS TO LEAVE U.S. ISOLATED, NOT FORCE THE ISSUE TO THE POINT OF OBJECTING TO A CONSENSUS SINCE THIS MIGHT PRECIPITATE BREAKDOWN IN PREPCOM CONSENSUS PRECEDURE AT AN IMOPPORTUNE TIME. U.S. WOULD STATE THAT IT WAS NOT OPPOSING A CONSENSUS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ITS POSITION WAS AS INDICATED IN SUBPARA A ABOVE.

4. ALSO REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON QUESTION OF RECOMMENDATION THAT DG OF UNESCO BE INVITED TO ADDRESS SSOD. YOUNG

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